

Special Use Permit Guidance For Proposed Science, Geology, and Miscellaneous Activities Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

The information below is designed to assist you in filling out the Special Use Permit application. "Blocks" refer to the numbered sections on the permit application. Not all blocks will apply to you and your proposed project. A \$100 dollar fee is charged to commercial entities. This fee is waived for governmental agencies and researchers associated universities. If you have questions please call Tevis Underwood at (907) 456-0512.

Block 1: Provide the basic contact information. The applicant should be the person who will be responsible for compliance with the permit and special conditions. **Taxpayer identification and social security numbers are not required except for commercial operations.**

Block 2: Mark with an X the Refuge in which you are proposing use, "Arctic NWR".

Block 3: For scientific research, geological study, and other activities not listed mark "Other" with an X.

Next, describe the activity or study you would like to conduct. You can do this by attaching a copy of your detailed investigation or operational plan, and then further define your activities and intentions only where the following are not covered in your plan already:

1. Describe why your research needs to take place on the Refuge and how the Refuge will benefit from this research?
2. List any of your publications that directly relate to the study being proposed.
3. List the names of the individuals involved and the functions they will perform.
4. How will your group be transported to/from the Refuge and how will you move from location to location on the Refuge?
5. Fuel storage is only allowed in designated areas. Will you need to establish a fuel cache? And if so, how much fuel will you store?
6. When will you perform your research? Is your research multi-year?
7. What equipment will you be utilizing?
8. Will you be establishing a base camp?
9. What precautions will you use to reduce the risk of bear interactions and injury

from bears?

10. How do you propose to deal with food storage and waste (human waste)?

11. Do you propose to work within the Refuge's designated Wilderness Area?

If so, do you propose to access the Wilderness Area by helicopter?

If so, please explain why helicopter access is necessary for your study and explain how helicopter use can be conducted to minimize conflict with wildlife, wilderness values, and recreational users. (A detailed list of proposed landing sites will be requested prior to permit approval.)

12. If you plan to work in the Wilderness Area, will you be utilizing any motorized or mechanized equipment? If so, please describe the equipment proposed for use and why this equipment is necessary.

13. Please describe areas on the Refuge you propose to use and estimate when this will occur. A USGS topographic map is often helpful.

14. Describe your maximum group size, but note that by policy all scientific groups are limited to essential personnel to accomplish the mission.

Block 4-12: These blocks do not apply to most permits for researchers or the information is covered adequately in the project description above.

Block 13: For your information only.

Block 14: This block does not apply to most researchers or the information is covered adequately in the project description above.

Please sign and date your application.

Permit processing can commence if the above information is provided via email; however, a signed application must be received before the permit can be issued.